

anniversary and wish the community the best in the future.

IN HONOR OF DAVID PENNISI

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David "Rowdy" Pennisi, who disappeared at sea on June 22, 2004. Commercial fishing was not only his profession, but also his passion in life. He will be lovingly remembered by family and friends for his generous and kindhearted nature.

David Pennisi was raised on a ranch near Hollister, and was an active member with Future Farmers of America. He moved to Monterey when he was fourteen and quickly adapted to his new life on the wharf. Fisherman's Wharf has long been the center of a vibrant fishing and canning industry, made famous in Steinbeck's Cannery Row. David eagerly continued this tradition when he became a commercial fisherman himself.

While David was respected around Monterey for his abilities as a fisherman, he was better known for the kindness and love he showed to all who knew him. In a profession dominated by stereotypes of loud, brash men, David, like his father, was regarded as a gentleman. A good friend of the family, Pat Flanagan, spoke about David at his memorial service, "He died in a dying industry, with dignity and respect."

Mr. Speaker, David Pennisi was dedicated to a profession that is neither easy nor safe, but he loved it nonetheless. Not many people choose to become fishermen in this day and age, but David will continue to provide a shining example for generations to come. He has made a lasting impact on our community and the people with whom he worked. I join the communities of the Monterey Bay, his friends and his family in honoring this truly commendable man and all of his lifelong achievements.

TRIBUTE TO THE DADE CITY SENIOR LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Dade City Senior Little League All-Star Team.

The Dade City All-Stars gave a stunning performance in the World Series Games this year. After capturing the Southeastern Regional U.S. championship, the team ended the season with a batting average of .370 and only six strike-outs. The dedication the players have shown to their team members has made them one of the most successful teams in years.

I commend Manager Dale Maggard, who has worked with some of these young men for almost a decade. I also congratulate our Dade City Senior Little League All-Star Team, for representing our community in Bangor, Maine with an unparalleled level of professionalism and maturity.

The outstanding young men who comprise the first and only All-Stars team from Pasco County to compete in the Senior League World Series and its coaches are as follows: Dominic Brown, Rashaun Capehart, Jamie Cruz, Julian Juarez, Gerald Mathis, Lance Roberts, Hunter Hedman, Zachary Maggard, Will Pullin, Steven Roe, Robbie Shields, Matt Wells, Coach Raul Cruz, Coach Dale Maggard, Coach Tony Karpee, and Coach John Shields.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANN GORSUCH BURFORD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to mourn the death of Ann Gorsuch Buford, who recently passed away at the age of sixty-two after a long bout with cancer. She possessed a strong intellect that she utilized to become an eloquent and passionate environmental advocate. President Ronald Reagan appointed her as the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency where she brought economic and fiscal discipline to the agency. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation to recognize her many accomplishments.

Ann was born in Casper, Wyoming, but spent most of her life growing up in Denver, Colorado. She earned both her masters and law degrees from the University of Colorado by the time she was twenty-one, and went on to study in India for a year on a Fulbright Scholarship. After completing her studies, Ann served as an assistant district attorney in Denver and Jefferson counties before being elected to the Colorado state House of Representatives in 1976. She spent 4 years leading the initiative to cut the grocery sales tax and stiffen criminal sentences, and was named outstanding freshman legislator. In 1980, when Reagan was elected president, Ann was selected to be the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), making her the second highest-ranking woman in the Reagan Administration.

At the EPA, Ann was able to efficiently cut-down on government waste inside the executive agency while enforcing environmental regulations. When she left Washington, Ann returned to a Denver law practice working primarily on children's advocacy. She is survived by her mother, Dorothy O'Grady McGill, her children, Neil, Stephanie, and J.J. Gorsuch, five grandchildren, her brother, Joe McGill, and her sisters, Mary Edwards, Theresa Peace, Dorothy McGill, Veronica Urban, and Rosie Binge.

Mr. Speaker, Ann Gorsuch Burford was a diligent public servant of this Nation, who worked to improve the quality of our air and water in Colorado and the Nation. I am honored to recognize her before this body of Congress today. My thoughts and prayers go out to her friends and family at this difficult time of bereavement.

IN HONOR OF DR. RAY CLIFFORD

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Ray Clifford, a long-time Salinas resident and Chancellor of the Defense Language Institute. Dr. Clifford is retiring from the Defense Language Institute after 24 years of dedicated service, leadership and mentorship to his students and country.

During his years of service, Dr. Clifford honorably fulfilled the Institute's mission to educate, sustain, evaluate and support foreign language specialists, ensuring that our military forces are prepared to meet ever-changing global foreign language requirements. As the academic leader of the world's largest language school, he has represented the Institute in national, international and professional forums including regular briefings to members of Congress and senior leaders in the Department of Defense.

Under his leadership, the Defense Language Institute has been continually regarded as one of the finest schools for foreign language instruction in the world. Specifically, Dr. Clifford has improved the language performance results four-fold in over 80 percent of major programs, created and implemented the first standardized language proficiency testing program for the Department of Defense and spearheaded the Institute's response to terrorism with the addition of new instructional and testing programs for military personnel.

In addition to his commitment to the Defense Language Institute, Dr. Clifford served in the United States Army, worked for the Bureau of Land Management and the Central Intelligence Agency. His dedication to national service is embodied in his overall belief in community service and education. He has published many papers and articles on teacher development, language proficiency assessment, curriculum design and educational program administration.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Dr. Clifford on his retirement and thank him for his contributions to our community and country. Dr. Clifford has dedicated his life to public service and his contributions to the Defense Language Institute have been instrumental in the Institute's recognition as a world renowned language instruction institute. I wish him the best in his retirement.

EXTENDING THE BAN ON MILITARY STYLE ASSAULT WEAPONS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, Congress has three legislative days to vote before the ban on military assault weapons expires and weapons of terror, like the AK-47, will be legal in America. The Republican leadership won't even allow the 136 bipartisan supporters of the ban a vote on the House floor.

Just last night, Congress could have voted to extend the ban, but instead Republican leaders decided it was more important to